

Could I qualify for help with Medicare costs?

How many people live in my home?	
What is my household INCOME before deductions or taxes get taken out?	
How much are my household ASSETS worth? (This includes bank statements, stock certificates, life insurance policies, land/real estate (other than the home you live in), business/farm equipment, etc. This does not count my home and one vehicle)	

Note: Some programs count income and assets differently. If your income and assets are somewhat higher, apply anyway! You may still qualify. For income and asset limits for larger families, please check with a SHIBA HelpLine volunteer. Call our Insurance Consumer Hotline at 1-800-562-6900 and ask for SHIBA in your local area.

Extra Help for Part D (prescription drugs)

	INCOME* less than:	ASSETS* less than:
Single person	\$1,362 per month	\$12,640
	\$16,335 per year	
Couple	\$1,839 per month	\$25,260
	\$22,065 per year	

Note: People who are working may have higher income and still qualify for Extra Help!

Medicare Savings Programs** for help with costs for Medicare Parts A & B

	INCOME* less than:	ASSETS* less than:
Single person	\$1,226 per month	\$6,680**
	\$14,702 per year	
Couple	\$1,655 per month	10,020**
	\$19,859 per year	

*These income & asset levels are as of January 2011.

The Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) does not count \$1,500 above asset limits per person if the \$1,500 is set aside in a specific account for burial costs. **Note: DSHS use new income levels effective April 1.

For more information go to www.insurance.wa.gov or call the Insurance Consumer Hotline at 1-800-562-6900.



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